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Since my last letter to you on November 9<sup>th</sup>, there have not been any additional data posted to EPA's School Air Toxics website. In the meantime, however, the final samples have been collected at the East Liverpool school. These samples are still in the process of laboratory analysis and quality assurance; they will be posted online later this month.

We spoke on the phone recently about your concerns that a local industry was adjusting their facility operations so that a shut-down period would coincide with EPA's air sampling. I don't believe that this could be possible, given the following timeline as quoted from EPA's website (hardcopy enclosed):

- "On March 31, 2009, EPA released a list of priority schools for air quality monitoring.."
- "Monitoring at the schools will be phased in over the next three months."
- "Monitors will be in place at each school for 60 days to provide a snapshot of monitored toxic pollutants in the outdoor air."

Given this initial timeline, EPA intended to establish the monitor stations between April-June and conduct sampling July-September, 2009. There were some delays in procuring the sampling equipment and getting the program moving. The School Air Toxics monitoring stations in Ohio all operated between early August and mid-to-late October.

Per the documents that you mailed to me, Heritage-WTI applied for a permit to expand their storage capacity in a letter dated March 16, 2009. The facility expressed its plans for a "major kiln outage scheduled for the fall of 2009". You should note that they applied for this permit weeks before the EPA monitoring program was publicized. Also, consider that EPA's original plan was to do monitoring in late summer whereas the facility outage was planned for the fall. According to the news clipping you sent me, the facility shut down on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Monitoring at the East Liverpool school was already completed on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

We expect that the remaining monitoring data for your school site will be put on the web by the end of December. The complete site report, including a summary of findings and interpretation, will be made available in early 2010. Please let me know if you have any more questions. Feel free to call me in a few more weeks and I will mail you more results as they are reported.

Sincerely,

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